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1. DURING LUNCHEON AT RESIDENCE TODAY FOREIGN MINISTRY
PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY HENRIK BJORNSSON SAID HE HAD
RECENTLY BEEN APPRISED OF BAHRAIN DECISION TO CANCEL "ON
A TECHNICALITY" PERMIT IT HAD ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO
ICELANDIC AIRLINES (LOFTLEIDIR) TO OPERATE BAHRAIN-
LUXEMBOURG SERVICE. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD POSSIBILITY THIS
SERVICE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED SOME TIME AGO BY EMBASSY OFFICER
WITH SIGURDUR HELGASON, LOFTLEIDIR
DIRECTOR, BECAUSE OF U.S. INTEREST. HE THEN ASKED WHETHER
I THOUGHT AMBASSADOR ANDERSEN MIGHT REVIEW INFORMALLY IN
WASHINGTON U.S. INTERESTS AND CONCERNS IN PROJECTED SERVICE.

2. I TOLD BJORNSSON THAT I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE GOOD IDEA.
OUR INTEREST STEMMED FROM FACT BAHRAIN-LUXEMBOURG SERVICE
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WOULD CLEARLY BE EXTENSION OF LUXEMBOURG-NEW YORK SERVICE
WHICH ICELANDIC NOW OPERATES. AS SUCH, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE
RIGHT TO BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANY SUCH EXTENSION IS CARRIED
OUT. TALKS BY AMBASSADOR ANDERSEN WITH APPROPRIATE
AREAS OF DEPARTMENT WOULD HELP CLARIFY BASIS FOR OUR INTEREST
AND PERHAPS BE USEFUL TO ALL CONCERNED. BJORNSSON SAID
HE WOULD BE INSTRUCTING ANDERSEN TO TAKE UP MATTER

"INFORMALLY" WITH DEPARTMENT.

3. I TOOK OCCASION TO ASSURE BJORNSSON THAT ANY BAHRAIN
DECISION ON LOFTLEIDIR PERMIT HAD BEEN TAKEN ON GOB'S
OWN INITIATIVE WITHOUT ANY PROMPTING FROM USG.
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